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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants	Horst Dittrich, <i>et al.</i>
Serial No. 10/002,248	Filing Date: October 26, 2001
Title of Application:	Trocar Sleeve With A Variable Sealing Opening
Confirmation No. 3376	Art Unit: 3731
Examiner	Vy Q. Bui

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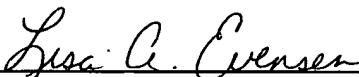
***Response Transmittal and
Petition For Time Extension (37 CFR 1.136[A])***

Dear Sir:

1. This is a petition for an extension of the time for a total period of two (2) months to respond to the Office Letter mailed on April 21, 2004.
2. A response in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested is filed herewith.
3. Calculation of extension fee (37 CFR 1.17). \$420.00 Extension Fee is due with this request.

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4. Fee Payment. Attached is a check in the sum of \$ 420.00. This is also a petition and a request to charge to Account No. 19-4516 for any additional extension and/or fee as may be required or credit for any excess fee paid.

Respectfully submitted,

September 21, 2004



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